Application No. 10/068,534
Reply to Office Action dated April 5, 2005 and Advisory Action dated June 21, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 12, 14-16, and 18-20 remain in the application. Claims 1, 12, 14, 18, and 20 have been amended. Claim 9 has been canceled.

In the Advisory Action mailed June 21, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 15, 16, and 18-20 and found claims 9 and 14 to be allowable. The Examiner rejected claims 1-8 as anticipated by Lur et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,554,566, of record). Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Jenq et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,893,751, of record). Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Jenq et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,937,325 ("Ishida").

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of the claims.

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include the limitation of respective allowable dependent claims 9 and 14. Thus claims 1 and 12 are now allowable claims 9 and 14 rewritten into independent form, and as such, are in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims remaining in this application are clearly in condition for allowance.

In the event the Examiner disagrees with the foregoing or finds minor informalities that can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is urged to contact applicant's undersigned representative by telephone at (206) 622-4900 in order to expeditiously resolve prosecution of this application. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing this case to issuance is respectfully solicited.

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